



Mel E. Roe

July 30, 1949 - September 4, 2016

LEXINGTON- Mel E. Roe, age 67, passed away Sunday September 4, 2016 at McLaren Port Huron Hospital.

He was born on July 30, 1949 in Port Huron, son of the late George and Thelma (Harrington) Roe. Mel married Lynn Mader on November 10, 1973 in Lexington.

Mel proudly served in the U.S. Army, and worked at a variety of jobs for 26 years at Port Huron Hospital, before becoming a self-employed painter. He was the epitome of a hard-worker — whether it was to support his family — or in an effort to help others, be it a friend or stranger. A man that didn't believe in being wasteful, he enjoyed seeing things be reused, recycled or resold. He was always ready to strike a bargain and make a deal, and he'd probably leave you with a free joke that'd have your eyes rolling. His dry sense of humor and clever wit made him a welcome sight at everything from street rod shows to demolition derbies and swap meets. Mel was happy to have visited places like Germany and Cuba, and he loved taking road trips — from Vermont to Colorado and Minnesota to Texas. It was always an opportunity to browse an undiscovered antique shop or try out one of his jokes on an unsuspecting stranger.

He is survived by his wife Lynn Roe of Lexington; daughter and son-in-law

Lori and Charlie Waters of Lexington; grandsons Josh (Anna Long) and Kyle Waters; great grandsons Gavin Long and Owen Waters, all of Lexington; daughter-in-law Megan Harvey; granddaughter Hudson Harvey, both of Texas; sisters, Irma Vincent, and Elsie Coon; and brother, Earl Roe.

Mel was preceded in death by his son, Jeff Roe, on December 17, 2007, brother George D. Roe, and sisters Edith Timmerman, Kathleen Castle, and Maxine Frazier, mother-in-law and father-in-law Betty and Fred Mader.

Visitation will be from 2-8 P.M. on Sunday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Lexington.

Funeral Services will be held 11 A.M. Monday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Lexington, with visiting from 10-11. Pastor Barry Sheldon of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lexington will officiate. Burial will be in the Lexington Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Sanilac Co. Humane Society, or the Lexington Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Dennison St.
Lexington, MI 48450

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **11**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington
5635 Main St.
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Visitation

SEP **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ We were so sad to learn of Mel's untimely passing. I have very good memories of Mel and his kindness and helpfulness. His yard sales were a wonderful sight to behold. He will be greatly missed in this community. Martha Foree & Gilbert Foree

Martha Foree - September 12, 2016 at 09:23 AM

WJ

“ Mel was truly a great friend. He was always there to lend a hand before you even knew you needed one. He plowed my driveway in the winter because he knew I have a bad heart and can't plow the deep snow anymore. I always enjoyed having coffee with Mel on the mornings I would run into him at the Humane Society coffee shop. Mel loved his family and spoke of them often. Mel was always busy collecting treasures and helping anyone that needed it. Good friends are far and few between and I am glad I was able to know you. You will be deeply missed my friend. R.I.P.

Wilfred and Rose Jones

Wilfred Jones - September 09, 2016 at 10:15 PM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Mel and I worked together at Port Huron Hospital. He was a great guy. Mel's sister Irma also worked for my late husband Chuck at Mary Maxim. My prayers are with you.

Janet Cowley

Janet Cowley - September 09, 2016 at 11:48 AM

JF

“ Our family has been fortunate to know Mel for many years. If he couldn't do a job for you he knew some one who could. He was a kind gentle man with a quick wit. It was fun to chat with him at the stockyards, fish fry, Melmart,his signature bandana made him hard to miss. I am very sad for his family.
Judy Freeborough and family

Judy Freeborough - September 08, 2016 at 01:14 PM



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Megan Harvey - September 08, 2016 at 11:27 AM

AD

“ Mel was a wonderful man and willing to help anyone. He plowed our road for us so the girls could get to the school bus and so that we could get out if we needed to. He also helped pull me out when I was stuck in the lot next to his house because it had rained so much but I thought the grass would be dry enough but I was wrong. Thanks Mel I will never forget all the help. The Doppelberger Family!

Amy Doppelberger - September 07, 2016 at 02:58 PM

DR

“ *Dave Schmitt & Barb Riedel lit a candle in memory of Mel E. Roe*



Dave Schmitt & Barb Riedel - September 07, 2016 at 01:04 PM



“ *Barb Riedel lit a candle in memory of Mel E. Roe*



Barb Riedel - September 07, 2016 at 12:23 PM

 Justin Ippolito

“ *Mel was a great soul, sad to read this, we'll miss him around here. Condolences to the family from Tinman scrap yard family!*

Justin Ippolito - September 07, 2016 at 10:50 AM

SC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. I remember the time we all went tubing down the Muskegon River. Mel had recently broken his ankles (?), the casts recently removed and his feet and ankles were so sunburned. A long time ago...
Sue and Dave Chambers*

Sue Chambers - September 07, 2016 at 10:33 AM

SW

“ Our deepest sympathies to Lynn & family. Mel was a wonderful man & loved his family. I will never forget the time someone told me they saw Mel on the back of our youngest sons bike going to A&W. "Peanut" will always remember him as his buddy. We hope there's a spot for "Melmart" in heaven. God bless.

Love,

The Wagner's

Dave, Suzette, David, Luke, Shaun, Kari & Kaylee.



Suzette Wagner - September 07, 2016 at 08:42 AM

EF

“ Erik Sacco & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mel E. Roe.



Erik Sacco & Family - September 07, 2016 at 05:56 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Only met Mel once, he was helping unload a truck into one of the storage units, after we were done he said, If you have time, would you like to go to the old 'Golden Dawn' for lunch? Well I didn't have time, but thought geez, you don't see that much from people you just met. What a wonderful man.

Dave Steele - September 07, 2016 at 05:06 AM

RL

“ Ray & Robyn Lindberg lit a candle in memory of Mel E. Roe



Ray & Robyn Lindberg - September 07, 2016 at 04:13 AM

HS

“ Harry Straffon lit a candle in memory of Mel E. Roe



harry straffon - September 07, 2016 at 03:44 AM

RF

“ Mel was always quick with a joke and a laugh and will be missed. Wishing your family comfort and peace at this heartbreaking time.



Rick & Angela Faszczewski - September 06, 2016 at 11:00 PM

HU

“ Hubert & Susan Utley lit a candle in memory of Mel E. Roe



Hubert & Susan Utley - September 06, 2016 at 08:42 PM

HU

“ *Hubert & Susan Utley*

In memory of Mel..



Hubert & Susan Utley - September 06, 2016 at 08:40 PM

DO

“ *Debby & Dennis Old lit a candle in memory of Mel E. Roe*



Debby & Dennis Old - September 06, 2016 at 08:29 PM

KC

“ *I always enjoyed talking with Mel, he and I would always exchange insults, and he was definitely better at it than me. He would go by and check on my mom from time to time, which was always a comfort to me. I never told him that though.*

Kurt Van Conant - September 06, 2016 at 06:56 PM

JE

“ *Thoughts and prayers for your family. Hugs Lori and Irma. Jessica Dudas Zirniss.*

jessica - September 06, 2016 at 06:34 PM

CW

“ I am happy I was able to meet Mel through Dave Moran. We sure did have a lot of laughs together at his shop in Wadhams. Someone I will never forget. RIP my friend. Cindy Wisniewski

Cindy Wisniewski - September 06, 2016 at 05:22 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mel E. Roe.



September 06, 2016 at 05:16 PM

ES

“ I remember when I was a kid, Mel found a big piece of plexiglass that he thought would be great for sledding. He came up to us on a snow day and said he had a great sled for us to try. He attached rope handles to it and then sprayed it with silicone, as if the plexiglass alone wouldn't have been fast enough, but didn't tell us he sprayed it with silicone! Jeff, Jeff, Chuck and I took it to Buel Hill and went down the hill so fast it scared the heck out of us! It was the best time sledding ever! He laughed so hard and told us we were idiots!!!! LOL

Erik Sacco - September 06, 2016 at 05:11 PM



Matt
Raymo

“ *I worked at Lakeside building supplies as yardguy for 3 yrs. Mel was such a relief when he drove in with his big blue machine, ha ha, with a dolls head hangin' from the antenna!! He was so cool, they dont make 'em like that anymore, sorry to hear but what an awesome compadre he was for some of us simpler folk, ha!! R.I.P. bro thanks for the crazy conversations*

Matt Raymo - September 06, 2016 at 04:50 PM